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Date	To whom Sent	Substance
23rd June	The Ranee of Ramnad and The Zemindar of Sivagunga	Requesting the assistance of the Zemindaries for the successful carrying out of the Periyar Project
30th Do	The President and Members of the Board of Revenue	Submitting the Ryotwar Settlement formed in the Provinces of Madura and Muttum for the ~~Bo~~ approbation. Sanction — Remarks — Proposing a change in the Revenue administration of Madura — Remarks. [This letter is not to be found in the Sent Letter file]
13 8th July	Do Do Do	Detailing the arrangements for collecting the Revenues of Dindigul with Statements explanatory of the Subject. Recommending a Village rent to ~~be~~ be adopted for the ensuing Fusli — Remarks

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135	23rd July	The Ranee of Ramnad and The Zemindar of Sivagunga	Stating that it would be impossible to carry out the Periya Project to a successful issue.
"	2nd Dec	The President and Members of the Board of Revenue	Affording information on the claims of Ramalingam Kristna Toshyar to certain Inam lands in the Putney Division [This paper is not to be found in the Sent Letter File]

No. 114

To the Ranee of Ramnad — 3

&

the Zemindar of Shevagunga

R.

Having it in Contemplation to examining the Course of the Shoolier and Perriar River - with a view of turning a larger supply of Water into the Vigay - by the removal of a certain Rock and being aware that you are deeply interested in the Success of this undertaking - in as much that your Zemindary will benefit most by an extension of Cultivation & consequent Prosperity of your Ryots - I of course under such circumstances look to you - for support

to carry on the Expense
of the work-

I therefore recommend
you to consult the
best Informed of your
Inhabitants - as to the
Extent of the benefit you
probably will receive
by an a almost
constant supply of water -
and that with reference
to this ~~[illegible]~~ advantage your further
State to me in writing
the amount you are
willing to subscribe
for ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
the Removal of those
~~Bank~~ which now obstruct
the free Passage of the
water into the Viguy-

difficulties

you [illegible] at
Liberty to send proper

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~~inspired~~ Person - to examine
the Situation of the Rivers ~~Rocks~~ &c.
that you may judge - under
Explanations I shall furnish
- of the Success - or other evils
likely to attend this ~~[illegible]~~ Undertaking
- you are also at Liberty
to look into the Expences
so ~~that the~~ as to Satisfy
your mind - that the
money is applied to its Destined
purpose -

you will remember
~~that~~ I am not the only
person - who has endeavour'd
to undertake this ~~[illegible]~~ Object
- of its Practicability and
Prospect, it is generally supposed there is no doubt -
It therefore only depends
upon you to Supply your
Quota - to enable me to commence
~~so that the~~ Execution of the great Important

work will be recorded
in your memory – which
your name will be
handed down to
Posterity as the
greatest benefactor
of your Country –

23d June 1807

To the Rance
of Rama
[illegible]
Sender of
Address
23d Jan 1807

No 123

To the President & Members
of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Para 1st

I have now the honor to submit to you my arrangements for collecting the Revenue of Dindigul in fusly 1216. together with such Statements as are connected with the Subject.

2d

It has not hitherto ~~not~~ fallen to my Lot to make a favorable Report of this part of my Charge, and I trust it may thence be concluded that I enter upon the Discussion of the Subject with little Satisfaction, the more so, since I have again to call your attention to those Circumstances which have for three Years lead to a Decrease of the Revenue ~~and conse=quent~~ loss to Government and Individuals ~~concerned~~.

3d

On the 13th Sept.—30th Octr

last I had the honor of Reporting the result
of the Revenue of Fusly 1215 and on the 13th
Decr. I submitted a Statement of the Sales
for such Estates as were then in arrears

4th I beg leave to refer you to that
Statement in order to prove that the Restrictions
now in force are not sufficient to exclude Speculating
Natives from purchasing Lands.

5th The Sales of the Estates, amounting
to S. Rs. 12770 of which has been Collected S. Rs.
10,6.6
920. 26. 65; for the recovery of the arrears, the
Purchasers are confined, the Company furnishing
them with Subsistence

5th In order to shew the present
Distribution of Estates whether in possession of
Zemindars, whether assumed for arrears of Purchase
money, or arrear of Revenue, I have the honor
to transmit a separate Memorandum as which
renders any alteration with reference to these
Points in my Summaburdy Statement for

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the whole Province unnecessary

7th In my letter of the 13th Decem
I stated the probability that the Estates would
continue under my Management owing to the
result of the Season then being known, that
I preferred this mode of Management to the
transfer of Lands to Speculating Individuals,
who would only undertake the responsibility
with the sole view of perverting as much as
possible of the Revenue to their private advantage
besides the Loss we should unavoidably sustain
from the Effects of the Season -

8th After completing the Examination
of the Cultivated Land I proceeded to form
the Jumma with reference to this account
of which the Abstract is as follows -

the Jumma

	Cawn	As	value as pr Dologs		
			SP.	fs	6
Neerjeh	9868	10½	24,794	18.	13
Poonjeh	74,584	6	40,005	18.	36
	84,453.	½	64,799.	36.	49

Add Teerwa by Tafreek explained in Statement A	2754.	..	35
Ditto Sornadayem	1294.	27.	..
Ditto Sub rents granted by Zemr ~~granted~~ according to Regulations & collected accordingly	1,8550.	..	..
Total	79,404	22.	38.
Add Permanent Jumma of three Estates which will be collected	8295.	2.	23.
Grand Total	87,699.	24.	61.

being 10,490. 37. 70½ less than the Permanent Jumma fixed on the thirty five Estates—

9th Considering the Succession of three bad Seasons and comparing the Revenue of the present year with reference to that Calamity it may not appear that the Resources of the Dindigul have fallen far short of what might be expected under such Circumstances

but if this calculation be not adverted to,
and the Survey Assessment of the Lands be
solely taken as the Estimate of their real
value, the difference certainly appears great.
I beg leave however to remind you that the
average value of the Province for Six Years
previous to Survey, Amounted only to Rs 5.43.97. [illegible]

The Revenue includes [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] for the year [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

10th In addition to these Remarks,
I solicit your attention to the Points contained
in the 12th 13. 14th & 15th Para of my address
of the 13th Dect last, since they are equally
applicable to this Year as they were to the
Year preceding, and whilst the Causes exist,
the Effects will continue to be severely felt.
I may further add that the Permanent
Settlement being formed on the highest average
Revenue collected for the short space of
three Years, and during Mr Hurdis's Ma-
-nagement where no allowance is made

for Diversity of Seasons, seems to imply that it was considered every Ryot would continue to occupy the same Extent of Land in Perma=nency as was specified in his Triennial Cowle — That this has not been the case in Dindigul is but too obvious — Death & Emigration amongst Ryots, a bad Season & the general Circumstances in Life render it impossible to expect a permanent Rent from them — Until therefore that can be Established and the Ryots resume their Farms to the same Extent as specified in their Triennial Cowle (expired in Fusly 1213. & 14) I fear we shall in vain look to the realization of the permanent Assessment — I am aware of the Delicacy to interfere with the Principles of a Revenue Settle=ment, which has been Declared Permanent, but at the same time where it is necessary to account for facts which have evident Relations, to this

Point. I trust that I shall be excused adding that in some respects the failure of the Zemindary System is to be attributed to the principle on which the Jumma has been calculated-

11th In regard to the Balance Outstanding, I have only to remind your Board that in the whole range of Districts under my charge there is not a single Person authorized to enforce them, the Sudder Adawlut having declared my Servants incompetent to act as Commissioners & no other Persons being willing to undertake that Responsibility- The Office of Commissioner is perhaps the least desirable of any in the Judicial System where the smallest Deviation from the forms laid down entails a [illegible] dispute and heavy Penalties- To this I may add that the Regulation itself is too intricate for a Native to Comprehend, and adverting to these Obstacles, it will be readily conceived that a trifling Commission of [illegible]

Jumma of Bauly

is no Inducement for Persons, capable of acting in that Capacity, to undertake the office.

12th The latitude which is now given to the Ryots of paying or with-holding their Rent, ~~of subjecting particular Ryots to process called before the Dewanee~~ can only be rectified by the Nomination of Commissioners, & until that desirable arrangement takes place I trust that no Responsibility will be considered attached to any Department for the arrears, which have accumulated in the Province - The Sale of one Ryots Property may be sufficient to ensure the voluntary Payment of what is due by a whole Village, but such is the Disposition of Natives that they respect no Authority as efficient, which has not the power of enforcing its own orders.

13th In order to consolidate the Information now submitted, the expected Revenue of every

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Estate has been entered in Statement,
altho' some of them were not regularly in
our charge at the close of [illegible] three Several
Zemindars in failing in their Kists in the
Current Year were assumed and regular
settlements entered into with the Ryots ~~the~~
~~Zemindars having in no instance attended to~~
~~the XXX Regulation~~ - It may therefore be
expected that the latter Description of Estates
may not yield the Amount stated because the
Zemindars have in some instances collected,
but not paid the whole of the Collections into
my Treasury -

11th The approaching close of the
Year induces me to solicit your early Instructions
relative to the Management you propose to
adopt for the assumed Estates in early 1797 -

10th Three Years experience of the System
hitherto pursued - the almost total Extinction

and successive Sales, of Estates [illegible] me to state the

a the continuance of this mode of Management

cannot fail producing similar Consequences.

16th Anticipating therefore no advantage

to Government by the sale of the Estates and

aware of the Difficulty to continue a Ryotwar

Rent (altogether incompatible with existing Regu-

lations where that System extends itself to a

whole Province,) I beg leave to submit to Your

Board the propriety of renting the Lands by

Villages for one or two Years to Head Inhabitants

as a measure in every view preferable.

17. In deciding upon the propriety of

this measure I request Your Board will

cons[illegible] mean the result of a three Years Expe

of a hereditary Tenure that we cannot lose, but

may gain by a Change of System; that the

Ryots again placed under the Control of their

immediate Superiors whom they respect and

have been accustomed to obey, will greatly facilitate our Collections, and at the same time afford all ~~our~~ Descriptions of People reasonable Relief, from that irregular & vexatious & ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] System of Management adopted by the Zemindars who have in very few been held an Interest in the Country.

18th In another view of the Subject, it ought to be remembered that under a Zemindary Tenure, the Government can at no time expect more than the permanent Settlement, whilst also they are Chargeable with every Decrease or loss that may arise in the Payments of Zemindars.

In Dindigul the local Situation of some Estates compared with others is so opposite in respect to fertility and advantage of Rain that all the Zemindaries in the Valley or near the Hills have the benefit of constant Showers from the Ghauts, whilst those Estates near

round Dindigul being situated on high Ground participate in none of those advantages - Under this Explanation, I trust it will appear, that a Village Rent may yield ~~advantages~~ benefits to Government, which is not held out by the Zemindary Tenure - and may be the means of ~~not only~~ counterbalancing the Loss we may sustain in some Estates, ~~but may tend to reduce our Claims against the Zemindars now in arrears for the last Year~~ - Should Your Board be pleased to sanction this arrangement, I request to be vested with Discretional Authority to settle the Amount Rent of each Village (which cannot bear the full permanent ~~Assessment~~) as the Circumstances & Situation of the Ryots may enable to the Subject however to your approval & Confirmation -

~~After~~ I look with Confidence to the result of such a Settlement, under the Impression that

that the Renters would accept our terms, and pay
the Assessment with Regularity. The Principal
Inhabitants are Men of Property, and what is
of equal Importance, they possess that Influence
over the lower order, which the Zemindars never
commanded. The failure of the present
System may be attributed to a Combination
of Causes, but no Circumstance has operated
in a more serious Degree to the Prejudice of the
intending Authority of the Zemindars than the determined
[illegible] experienced by the Zemindars
opposition in every Stage from the Mauttamear
and Head Inhabitants.

20th Until Persons of Respectability
find it their Interest to engage in the purchase
of Estates, this Insubordination so justly com-
-plained of will continue to be experienced, for it
cannot be doubted that the present Race
of Zemindars are inferior in every Respect

Circumstances and Situation of the
to the actual occupants of the Land
~~to their under Tenants~~

21st I request to be honored with
your Early Instructions upon this Subject

Perrin's Place
July 1807

I have the honor
with high Respect
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
faithful Servant

No. 135.

To the Ranee of Ramnad

Zemindary of Shevagunga

My letter of the 28 June informed you of the Object I had in view in regard to supplying your Country with Water - your Reply to that letter I have received and understood its contents -

Since the Period of writing to you - I have proceeded to the Valley of Dindegul in order to examine personally the Situation of the Hills - the Course of the Rivers & the possibility or otherwise of turning them into the Shevagunga or Vigay -

The numerous Reports which have been made upon the Subject by Public Servants led to examine the Object - and even induced me to believe that the undertaking was not only

~~found~~
~~possible - but that it could~~
~~be effected with better~~
~~reconnoitred Defences - Having~~
~~however now [illegible] among~~
~~every [illegible] of the Intelligence~~
~~with which I was furnished~~
~~I cannot hesitate to say~~
~~that the Ignorance or Dulness~~
could have alone invented
so pedantic & Improbable
a Statement - I am willing
to hope that Ignorance was
the origin of those Reports
by which the Removal
of the Vanadyke [illegible] Rock
was to deepen the Shallow
with Water - the Vanadyke Rock
is no Impediment to the
free Current of Water - and
then it flows over the Rock in
large Streams - ~~[illegible] the~~

Having [illegible] &c.
as far as the Petersen River - I must

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also state – that it is impracticable to turn the Course of that River ~~[illegible]~~ – the Cause of the Impracticability it will be unnecessary to explain any further – than stating ~~that~~ the Rivers & Perie Morbel River – by which course the Perrior was to be flowed (in case an one was constructed) flows for three miles down hill – into the Perrior River – Now to dig a Channel ~~that~~ Distance – where Valleys and Hills succeed each other – is one continued range – is not ~~only~~ a work which Men can perform – Nature opposes it – and therefore we must submit to its will –

Small Streams might be brought into the Slaughter & Digy – but as this additional supply of water would scarcely reach the Valley of Bendigel ~~[illegible]~~ in which you are not interested I need not explain

have ordered a Survey
of Levels to be taken – on the
Hills of near Woolamunbolla [?]
of the Cookaway & Bull Rivers
having previously examined
them myself – & conceiving
it probable from the situation
of the Country that they might
be turned – Should I succeed
in the undertaking – & think
it prove of ~~not a~~ beneficial
to your Country – I shall
consider myself amply
rewarded for the trouble
and Labour bestowed – in
ascertaining the fact above
related –

[illegible signature]

Parramatta
23d July 1807

To the Hon[ble] [illegible]
[illegible] and
[illegible]
[illegible]
23d July 1807